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In re Patent of Vernice J. Harper :
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For: Feminine Hygiene Article With
Upstanding Member :
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Request for Information

This is a letter issued in response to the petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c) filed March 14, 2012.

Petitioner filed a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(b) on January 24, 2012. The Office mailed a request for information on March 5, 2012. The request states, with emphasis added, "Since Petitioner has already submitted \$1,810, the remainder of the fees due if a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c) is **\$1,255** (\$1,425 + \$1,640 - \$1,810).

Petitioner submitted a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c) on March 12, 2012, with a payment of \$315. However, as stated in the prior request, the necessary fee was \$1,255. Therefore, the merits of the petition will not be considered at this time.

If Petitioner wishes for the Office to consider the merits of the petition filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.378(c), Petitioner must submit a response including an additional \$940 within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this letter. The response should be titled, "with a response to the instant letter. The response should be titled, "Response to Request for Information."

If Petitioner does not wish to pursue reinstatement of the patent, Petitioner may request a refund of the \$1,810 submitted January 24, 2012, and the \$315 submitted March 12, 2012. Any such request should include a copy of this letter and should be sent to: Mail Stop 16, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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